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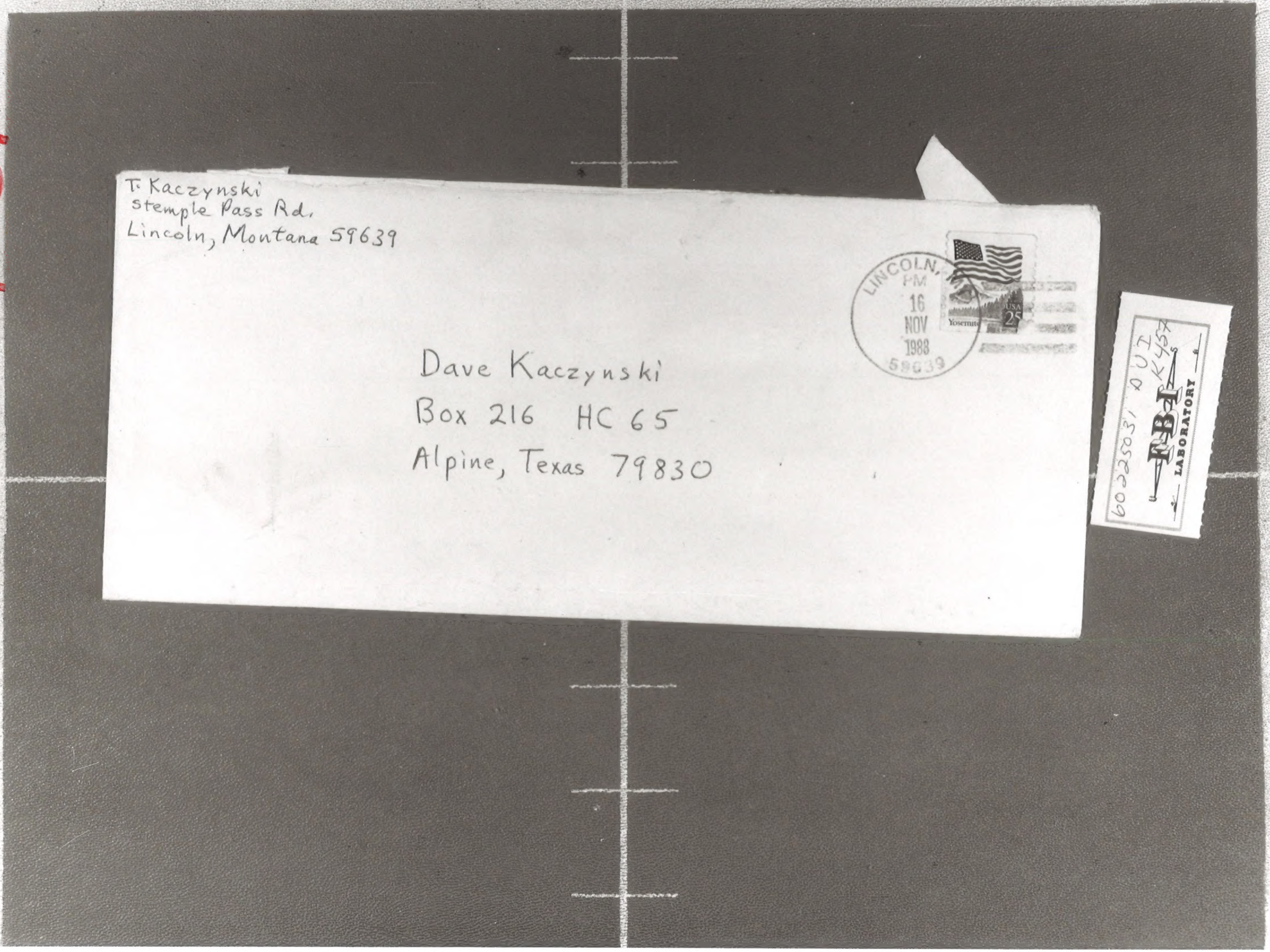
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Dave —

According to that article about the millionaire, "offbeat requests for sums of up to $500 probably stand the best chance," which doesn't sound promising for Juan's case. On the other hand, he bought a station wagon for a dwarf who was too short to climb on busses, so he evidently does give out larger sums.

Also, I get the impression from the article that he just makes a snap decision on the basis of a letter, and either sends a check right out or turns down the request. Thus, I think it's important that the first (and presumably only) letter we send should contain all the facts necessary for a decision. On the other hand, since this guy gets thousands of letters each week (and grants, of course, only a very small fraction of the requests), I think its important to give a very brief account of the case; otherwise he or his assistants may just get impatient and throw the letter aside without finishing it.

So I think the letter should be divided into 3 sections, clearly separated and each under its own heading. The first section would give a very brief summary of the case; the second section should contain all the hard facts relevant to the case; to the third section should be relegated any arguments about how deserving the man is and so forth. So if they just want a very brief account they won't have to read the whole letter.

I think it might be best if you write from down there, since it might seem funny that someone up in Montana is writing on behalf of a Mexican in Texas. But if for any reason you think it better that I should write, I'm perfectly willing

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to do so.

If you want me to write the letter, please send me Juan's address, since the millionaire might think it funny if I ask him to send the check to me or you rather than to Juan himself.

In case you want to write the letter yourself, I'm enclosing a copy of the letter as I would write it, to illustrate the way I think it should be organized to have the best chance of acceptance. You are free to use the same identical format, or make any variations on it that you please, or, of course, to write your own letter completely independently of my suggestions.

Also, if you want me to write the letter, can you tell me whether Juan is eligible for any kind of assistance from the Mexican Govt.? And how likely ~~is~~ it that he will ever receive any assistance from U.S. Authorities after his residency application is processed?

I'll be going to the library in a few days, and I'll see if the librarian can help me get the address of this millionaire. If I get it I'll send it with this letter, or later if I can't get it right away.

Now, if you want me to write the letter, please read carefully the enclosed sample letter and check the facts; if anything I've written about the case is false or doubtful, please let me know.

If you write to this millionaire yourself, it might be a good idea to disclaim any responsibility for the accuracy of the stated facts, since you don't want to be accused of trying to obtain money under false pretenses if the facts are garbled.

— Ted

P.S. I'm enclosing a note for Juan.

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SAMPLE LETTER

Dear Mr. Ross:

I write ~~to~~ request funds on behalf of an elderly Mexican living in the U.S. who through no fault of his own was severely injured in an accident. He now has medical bills totalling more than $17,000. He has a wife and three children in Mexico of whom he is the sole support, and he is apparently ineligible for any sort of public assistance in the U.S. because of his uncertain residency status. As far as I can make out, he isn't getting any financial assistance from the Mexican government either. Despite the fact that he still suffers pain in an injured leg, he has to do physical work at very low wages to try to support his family and pay off his debt at the same time.

I can understand that you may not want to pay off this man's entire $17,000 debt, but any help you can give — even a few hundred dollars — would be appreciated.

I've written this letter on my own initiative — Juan didn't ask me to do it. But I did get his permission to write you. His address (to which you can send a check if you decide to do so) is:

Juan Sanches Arriola

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(Sample letter)

Details of the Case

Through my brother I've obtained the following information about Juan's accident and the resulting expenses.

Having finished working at a temporary job in New Mexico, Juan was ~~to~~ hitch-hiking back to Texas and was given a ride by a kid driving an old car (April 15, 1988). The car's brakes failed and it slammed into the back of a slow-moving trailer. Juan was unconscious for several days and had multiple fractures of one leg. The kid ran away after the accident and the car turned out to be unregistered and ~~un~~ uninsured, so there's no one from whom Juan can recover damages. He has no insurance himself — he could hardly have afforded it. My brother lists Juan's medical expenses as follows:

Guadalupe Medical Center 2430 W. Pierce Carlsbad, NM 88220	$ 12,920.70
Anesthesia Prof. Corp. (Credit Bureau of Carlsbad)	636.43
Drs. Bair, Robillard and Berndt 2402 W. Pierce, Suite 6B Carlsbad NM 88220	275.00
Dr. Lon D. Babbitt 2402 W. Pierce, Suite 2C Carlsbad NM 88220	455.26

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William J. Boggs, M.D. 275.00
2402 W. Pierce, Suite 5B
Carlsbad NM 88220

Doctor who operated on Juan (I don't have his name)	Approx. 3,000.00

Total (approximate) $17,562.39

I understand that Juan has been asked to pay $100 per month on this debt — for him a great hardship.

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Additional Information About Juan

Sanchos Arriola

As I understand it, Juan has worked in the border regions of the U.S. for most of the last thirty years at very low wages, sometimes only two or three dollars a day. For at least part of this period he was technically an illegal alien, but the Border Patrol knew of his presence in this country and winked at it, because their principal concern is with aliens who move north. Mexicans who simply cross over and work in the border area without bringing their families are considered to be beneficial to the United States because, working at jobs that hardly any American would accept, they provide a convenient source of cheap labor. Juan applied for resident status in the U.S. under the recent amnesty program for illegal aliens, but apparently his application is still pending, so

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(Sample letter) ④

that his status is at present uncertain.
Juan has no permanent employment but
works at whatever temporary jobs he can get, and in
this way supports his wife and children in the state
of Durango, Mexico, where he returns occasionally
to visit his family.
He is grateful to the doctors who saved his
life and repaired his leg, and he wants to pay them,
but obviously this is extremely difficult for him to
do, given his limited opportunities to earn money
and his responsibility to his family.
I hope you can help him.
I must mention at this point that I cannot
~~Sincerely yours~~
accept responsibility for the accuracy of the facts stated in
this letter, since I've learned them at second hand.
All I can ~~[illegible]~~ promise is that I am reporting
them to you in good faith, and that I have
every reason to believe that they were reported to
me in good faith.
Sincerely yours ——

Dave Note: If you decide to write the letter, take
the greatest care to type it neatly, double-spaced, wide
margins, etc., since that will make a much better
impression than a carelessly prepared letter. It
might make a big difference for Juan.

I'm enclosing for your perusal the article about
the millionaire. Please return it to me with your
next letter. Who knows? I might want to make a
request myself some time

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Dear Dave:

If, as I suppose, you read Juan's note to me, you know that he invited me to visit his home. I'd love to accept the invitation, but I probably can't, because of the expense. Even to just go down to Texas and back, without counting the cost of travel in Mexico, would probably cost $250.00 or so in bus and/or train fare, and then I'd have to eat along the way, and I'd have to get a passport at a cost of $40.00 or so, and there'd be a lot of minor expenses that would add up — for instance, phone calls to find out the bus and/or train schedules and fares, a trip to Helena to get passport photos taken ~~and~~ ($6.00 for the trip plus the cost of the photos themselves, plus $11 hotel bill if I have to stay in Helena overnight), and probably other expenses that I haven't thought of. So I don't think I can do it next June, which is when he invited me for. However, I might be able to do it some time, if I can save up some money or something. So perhaps you can answer some questions for me.

1. How much did it cost you to travel from Texas down to Magistral del Oro and back? Were there any other expenses besides bus fare, any long waits or other difficulties?

2. Would there be any way I could get from Alpine to your place so I could rest up for a few days before finishing the trip down to Durango?

Like you did, I have some misgivings about the trip, mainly concerned with health matters.

3. What, if anything, did you do about Montezuma's revenge, amoebic dysentery, and so forth? Did you just eat and drink whatever they gave you

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Another thing I was worried about: I might be expected to bathe now and then. But I've thought of a way to get around that. I'll take a piece of wood and carve it to look like a cake of soap and I'll paint it white. I'll rub myself all over with that and they'll think I'm using soap.

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and take your chances, or what? Did they offer you any uncooked food or drink?

4. How long did you stay in Magistral del Oro? I suppose my stay would last about the same length of time?

5. You mentioned dogs barking all night. I hate dogs, and do not easily adapt to noise when I'm trying to sleep. So I might get very little sleep the whole time I'm there. Anyway, the question is, do they let those dogs run loose? They probably aren't vaccinated for rabies, and I'm not ~~an~~ anxious to get bitten by an unvaccinated dog and have to get rabies shots, especially since the shots don't always prevent rabies. Many dogs seem to dislike me as much as I dislike them — I've been bitten 5 or 6 times. Of course, if the dogs are kept tied up or fenced in it would be alright except for the barking.

6. Did they give you a room to yourself, or did you have to sleep with other people, or what?

7. Am I correct in assuming that Juan now crosses the border in the normal way, rather than by rowing across the Rio Grande at night? I am not going to take the risk of wetbacking it over the border.

8. Where did their water supply come from? Well, stream, or what? If a well, was it covered or open, exposed to possible contamination, etc.?

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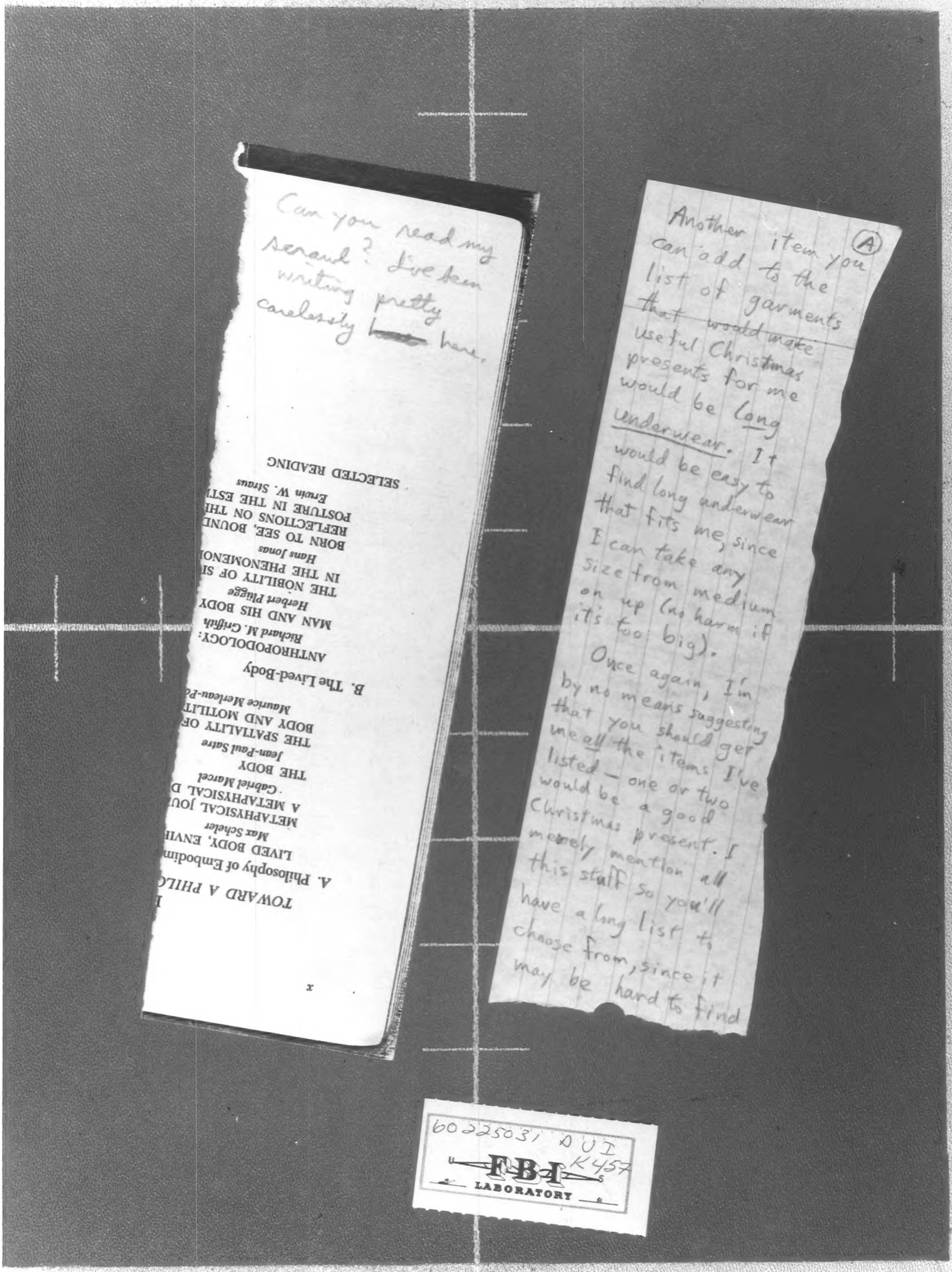

Can you read my scrawl? I've been writing pretty carelessly here.

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Another item you can add to the list of garments that would make useful Christmas presents for me would be long underwear. It would be easy to find long underwear that fits me, since I can take any size from medium on up (no harm if it's too big).

Once again, I'm by no means suggesting that you should get me all the items I've listed — one or two would be a good Christmas present. I merely mention all this stuff so you'll have a long list to choose from, since it may be hard to find

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did answer my last letter. I wonder if Jeanne got hold of it and forbade him to correspond with me — the letter contained some nasty jokes about women. Anyway, I saw nothing that looked useful in the bibliography and told Hoken so. But later I looked over the bibliography again and found a title that looked interesting. I happened to find a used copy of the book at Aunt Bonnie's book store in Helena. Just one essay in the book — the last one — was very interesting and seemed to throw some light on the problem, and led me to order some other material from the library on that subject. So I'm writing to Hoken to thank him for giving me that lead.

— Ted

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items that are suitable for me and fit me.

— <u>Ted.</u>

P.S. You remember <u>The Forest People</u>, by Colin Turnbull. I'm reading another book of his that you might like: <u>Wayward Servants: The Two Worlds of the African Pygmies.</u>

I suppose you remember that philosophical problem about consciousness I told you about. I consulted Hoken about it and he sent me a copy of the bibliography of a book, thinking I might find a useful title there. We exchanged a few letters on the subject. He never

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Got the address! Thanks to help from the librarian.

Write to

Mr. Percy Ross
Box 23500
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55423

Phone (612) 835-2400

Be sure to include the "Mr." in the address — Mr. Percy Ross. The article seems to indicate that the ~~[illegible]~~ guy likes this formal way of being addressed.

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You indicated you might send me a Christmas present of clothing by UPS. If you do, Send it to me in care of Garland's Town and Country — to be held until called for.

— Ted

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